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there were only two productive units in Podlipki. These were Plant No. 88 and the airport of Podlipki.

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The German specialists in Podlipki were not authorized to enter either of the two installations listed above, except on very rare occasions. It was generally believed that in some sections of the plant guided missiles, which had been brought from Germany, were assembled. On one occasion German electricians were summoned to the factory when the Soviets encountered difficulties with the wiring of the missiles. This incident occurred sometime during the period 1946 to 1948. It is possible that equipment other than guided missiles is produced in the plant.

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German FWA worked and were housed in the plant.

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[redacted] guided missiles (see Paragraph 1). These were constructed or assembled in Plant 88 and at the airport. At the airport of Podlipki guided missiles were assembled and stored under the direct supervision [redacted] of the Soviet Colonel KOROLOV, who was chief of the missiles work in Podlipki and supervisor of the German specialist GROETTRUP. The entire airport was used for missile development. In one hangar missiles were assembled. In another, finished missiles were stored. In another, launching equipment, such as the A- and B-fuel trucks, and the large Meillerwagen (a specialized truck for the transport of the missile on the ground) were stored. Some development or research work was carried out by Colonel KOROLOV at the airport. [redacted]

[redacted] it was thought that Colonel KOROLOV was not entirely satisfied with simply exercising administrative supervision over Dr. GROETTRUP and that he, therefore, engaged in research work on his own, which may or may not have been parallel to GROETTRUP's.

[redacted] one of the plant's buildings was converted between 1946 and 1948 for use on missiles. In addition, a new steel building was constructed during this period. This steel structure was of unusual height, approximately 30 meters, and it was rumored that the Soviets planned the vertical construction and assembly of missiles in this building. The usual procedure in Germany, of course, has been to construct the missile with its horizontal axis parallel to the ground.

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